

What is claimed is:

1. An image display control apparatus that controls light transmittance of liquid crystals of a liquid crystal display screen for displaying an image based on an inputted image signal and controls, 5 according to the light transmittance of the liquid crystals, an amount of light emitted by a backlight unit for illuminating a back of the liquid crystal display screen based on the image signal, the image display control apparatus comprising:
 - an image state detection unit operable to detect a state of the 10 image based on the image signal;
 - an image signal transformation unit operable to transform the image signal by performing predetermined signal processing on said image signal based on the state of the image detected by the image state detection unit, and control the light transmittance of the liquid 15 crystals based on the transformed image signal; and
 - a resource control unit operable to assign an arithmetic operation resource for performing an arithmetic operation exclusively to the image state detection unit and the image signal transformation unit respectively at predetermined timings,
- 20 wherein the image state detection unit detects the state of the image using the assigned arithmetic operation resource, and the image signal transformation unit transforms the image signal using the assigned arithmetic operation resource.

- 25 2. The image display control apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a color space transformation unit operable to transform a color component signal consisting of R, G and B component signals in the image signal into a color information signal including at least a brightness signal and a chroma signal, and 30 output said color information signal to the image signal transformation unit,
 - wherein the resource control unit assigns the arithmetic

operation resource exclusively to the color space transformation unit at a predetermined timing, and

the color space transformation unit transforms the color component signal into the color information signal using the 5 assigned arithmetic operation resource.

3. The image display control apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising a second color space transformation unit operable to transform the color information signal including at least 10 the brightness signal and the chroma signal into the color component signal consisting of the R, G and B component signals and output said transformed color component signal, said color information signal being the image signal transformed by the image signal transformation unit,

15 wherein the resource control unit assigns the arithmetic operation resource exclusively to the second color space transformation unit at a predetermined timing, and

the second color space transformation unit transforms the color information signal into the color component signal using the 20 assigned arithmetic operation resource.

4. The image display control apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the image signal transformation unit includes:

25 a brightness transformation unit operable to transform the brightness signal outputted from the color space transformation unit, based on the state of the image detected by the image state detection unit; and

30 a chroma transformation unit operable to transform the chroma signal outputted from the color space transformation unit, based on the state of the image detected by the image state detection unit,

the resource control unit assigns the arithmetic operation

resource exclusively to the brightness transformation unit at a predetermined timing, and assigns the arithmetic operation resource exclusively to the chroma transformation unit at a predetermined timing,

5 the brightness transformation unit transforms the brightness signal using the assigned arithmetic operation resource, and
 the chroma transformation unit transforms the chroma signal using the assigned arithmetic operation resource.

10 5. The image display control apparatus according to Claim 4, further comprising a clock signal generation unit operable to generate a clock signal,

 wherein the resource control unit counts cycles of the clock signal generated by the clock signal generation unit and assigns the arithmetic operation resource according to a count number.

15 6. The image display control apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein each of the image state detection unit, the image signal transformation unit, the color space transformation unit and

20 the second color space transformation unit performs predetermined processing on each pixel in the image signal, and

 a time interval between inputs of said each pixel in the image signal is longer than the cycle of the clock signal generated by the clock signal generation unit.

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7. The image display control apparatus according to Claim 6, comprising a plurality of resource units equipped with the arithmetic operation resources respectively,

 wherein the resource control unit assigns one or plural number of the resource units to each of the image state detection unit, the image signal transformation unit, the color space transformation unit and the second color space transformation unit,

5 said number of the resource units to be assigned being determined according to the processing performed respectively by each of the image state detection unit, the image signal transformation unit, the color space transformation unit and the second color space transformation unit.

8. The image display control apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the arithmetic operation unit is a multiplication unit.

10 9. The image display control apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the image state detection unit detects the state of the image of each frame based on the image signal, and the image signal transformation unit transforms an image signal of a frame which is to be inputted subsequently to said each frame based on the state of the image of said each frame detected by the image state detection unit.

15 10. An image display control method executed by an image display control apparatus that controls light transmittance of liquid crystals of a liquid crystal display screen for displaying an image based on an inputted image signal and controls, according to the light transmittance of the liquid crystals, an amount of light emitted by a backlight unit for illuminating a back of the liquid crystal display screen based on the image signal, the image display control method comprising:

20 an image state detection step of detecting a state of the image based on the image signal;

25 an image signal transformation step of transforming the image signal by performing predetermined signal processing on said image signal based on the state of the image detected in the image state detection step, and controlling the light transmittance of the liquid crystals based on the transformed image signal; and

5 a resource control step of assigning an arithmetic operation resource for performing an arithmetic operation exclusively to an image state detection unit operable to execute the image state detection step and an image signal transformation unit operable to execute the image signal transformation step respectively at predetermined timings,

wherein in the image state detection step, the image state detection unit detects the state of the image using the assigned arithmetic operation resource, and

10 11. in the image signal transformation step, the image signal transformation unit transforms the image signal using the assigned arithmetic operation resource.

15 11. The image display control method according to Claim 10, wherein in the resource control step, cycles of a clock signal generated by a clock signal generation unit is counted, and the arithmetic operation resource is assigned according to a count number.

20 12. A program executed by an image display control apparatus that controls light transmittance of liquid crystals of a liquid crystal display screen for displaying an image based on an inputted image signal and controls, according to the light transmittance of the liquid crystals, an amount of light emitted by a backlight unit for 25 illuminating a back of the liquid crystal display screen based on the image signal, the program comprising:

an image state detection step of detecting a state of the image based on the image signal;

30 an image signal transformation step of transforming the image signal by performing predetermined signal processing on said image signal based on the state of the image detected in the image state detection step, and controlling the light transmittance of the

liquid crystals based on the transformed image signal; and
a resource control step of assigning an arithmetic operation
resource for performing an arithmetic operation exclusively to an
image state detection unit operable to execute the image state
5 detection step and an image signal transformation unit operable to
execute the image signal transformation step respectively at
predetermined timings,

10 wherein in the image state detection step, the image state
detection unit detects the state of the image using the assigned
arithmetic operation resource, and

in the image signal transformation step, the image signal
transformation unit transforms the image signal using the assigned
arithmetic operation resource.

15 13. An image display apparatus comprising:
a liquid crystal display screen operable to display an image;
a backlight unit operable to illuminate a back of the liquid
crystal display screen; and
an image display control apparatus that controls light
20 transmittance of liquid crystals of the liquid crystal display screen
based on an inputted image signal and controls, according to the
light transmittance of the liquid crystals, an amount of light emitted
by the backlight unit based on the image signal,
wherein the image display control apparatus includes:
25 an image state detection unit operable to detect a state of the
image based on the image signal;
an image signal transformation unit operable to transform the
image signal by performing predetermined signal processing on said
image signal based on the state of the image detected by the image
30 state detection unit, and control the light transmittance of the liquid
crystals based on the transformed image signal; and
a resource control unit operable to assign an arithmetic

operation resource for performing an arithmetic operation exclusively to the image state detection unit and the image signal transformation unit respectively at predetermined timings,

5 wherein the image state detection unit detects the state of
the image using the assigned arithmetic operation resource, and
the image signal transformation unit transforms the image
signal using the assigned arithmetic operation resource.